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UPGRADATION OF SU-30 MKI
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Russia are planning for joint futuristic upgradation of Su-30 MKI multi-role fighter plane;

(b) if so, whether India has started indigenously building Su-30 MKI fighters;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether India is planning to export Su-30 MKI variant to third world countries with Russian permission; and

(e) if so, the response received so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): There is no plan for joint futuristic upgradation of Su-30 MKI multi-role fighter plane. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has started manufacturing Su-30 MKI aircraft indigenously under licence from Russia. A contract for the first batch of aircraft has been signed by the Government with HAL.

(d) & (e): No such proposal is under consideration.